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# Imagine That!

The University of Montana - Missoula

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## Program Notes

### MSU HISTORIAN TELLS TALES OF BUTTE ON IMAGINE THAT!

(Imagine That! Murphy - airs Sunday, April 16, at 9 p.m. on KUFM/KGPR and Monday, April 17, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT.)

#### MISSOULA --

Mary Murphy, a history professor at Montana State University-Bozeman, has mined Butte's rich past and unearthed a wealth of stories. She will share some of those tales on the next episode of *Imagine That!*, airing at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 16, on KUFM/KGPR, immediately following the St. Louis Symphony.

Murphy is writing a book on how people spent leisure time in Butte in the early part of this century. She says the people of Montana's most famous mining town turned hardships into stories as a way to cope with their lack of control over dangerous working conditions and an uncertain future. For example, one story involved perilous rocks called Dugan, named for the local undertaker, Murphy says.

Murphy says that she believes the excessive drinking and gambling that occurred among Butte residents were risk-taking behaviors for people who lived on the edge, both below ground in the mines and on the streets of the town.

*Imagine That!* is produced as a joint venture between The University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman. The program also airs Monday, April 17, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT. For more information, call Annette Trinity-Stevens, MSU VP for Research Office, (406) 994-5607, or Lilly Tuholske, UM research news editor, (406) 243-5547.

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